



## NEWS RELEASE

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# Monday wind and flooding is expected to be significantly worse

Hampton continues to see moderate flooding with high tide scheduled for 9:24 a.m., but City Manager Mary Bunting warns that Monday is going to be significantly worse than what we've seen so far.

As much as 1-2 inches of rain are expected to fall between now and Tuesday. More than 4 inches of rain has fallen in Hampton since the storm began. The worst period for wind is projected to be from 4 pm Monday through 7 a.m. Tuesday. Sustained winds are projected to be in the 30-40 mph range with gusts up to 65 mph. And high tide is expected to be about 7 feet above mean low water level.

About 388 residents were without power in one isolated area Monday, and crews were at work to restore power as soon as possible.

There are 37 residents in the city shelter that has been opened at the Phenix School, 1061 Big Bethel Road, including 20 residents from the Paula Maria apartment complex. The shelter at Bethel High School, 1067 Big Bethel Road, is also open for those with pets.

Anyone who goes to a shelter should bring any medications or special needs equipment; air mattresses, blankets and pillows; diapers, toys, games and books for children; food; and water (recommended 1 gallon per person per day). Pet owners should bring a cage or crate, food and water, shot records and medications.

Flooded areas included:

- Victoria Boulevard at City Line
- Riverdale (Charlton Drive, Wheatland Drive, Tide Mill Lane)
- Wythe (around Indian Creek – Powhatan Parkway-Chesapeake Avenue, Harbor Drive, Chincoteague Dr., Pochin Place, Pocahontas Place and O'Canoe; also Wythe Parkway; and Victoria Boulevard by the city line)
- Fox Hill-Grandview (Bonita Drive, Beach Road, Grandview Drive, Grundland Drive; Old Buckroe & Fox Hill roads, Dandy Point Road at Beach, Harris Creek Road)
- Phoebus (Hope Street, Mellen Street, Willard Avenue, Virginia Avenue)
- Pasture Point-East Hampton (Pembroke Avenue, River Street, Myrtle Street, Holly Street, Marshall Street)
- Fort Monroe (McNair Avenue)
- Buckroe (First Street, Resort Boulevard, 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Tappan Avenue, Seaboard Avenue)
- Coliseum Central (Armistead Avenue by the Home Depot to Pine Chapel Road)
- Merrimac Shores (Chesapeake Avenue and Catesby Jones Avenue)
- Downtown (Lincoln Street, Washington Street; Bridge Street, Syms Street)
- Near NASA (Wythe Creek at Carys Chapel Road)
- Willow Oaks (Harris Creek Road)

Residents of these and other low-lying areas are urged to evacuate to friends or family on higher ground. People should not attempt to drive through these areas, especially during high tides. Drivers are also reminded that power outages may affect traffic signals. If a traffic signal is not operative, a 4-way stop is created. All drivers should use caution.

For more information and closings, go to [www.hampton.gov](http://www.hampton.gov)

Among the closings Monday:

- Hampton City Schools (a decision on Tuesday will be later Monday)
- No trash or recycling pickup Monday or Tuesday (Monday routes will be collected Wednesday and Tuesday routes will be collected Saturday)
- Thomas Nelson Community College
- Hampton University
- Langley Air Force Base said access to the base will be limited to mission essential personnel
- Hampton courts
- Hampton libraries, community centers and parks

For Hampton City employees, a liberal leave policy is in effect for non-essential personnel. Please check with your supervisor to see if you are needed for emergency or recovery operations.

City emergency workers, including police, fire and public works employees, remain on modified shifts, dealing with any emergencies that developed, cleaning clogged drains and posting signs on flooded streets.

On Tuesday, once the worst of the storm has passed, the city will begin assessing damage.

Residents can get more Hampton-specific information by:

- visiting [facebook.com/HamptonVA](https://facebook.com/HamptonVA) or [twitter.com/cityofhampton](https://twitter.com/cityofhampton)
- calling 311 (727-8311 from outside Hampton or from a cell phone)
- signing up for free email updates at [hampton.gov/enews](http://hampton.gov/enews)
- listening to the city's emergency updates on WHOV, 88.1 FM, Hampton University's radio station
- visiting [hampton.gov](http://hampton.gov) frequently for updates

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